BURNER PHONES

FOR

PROTESTS OR OTHER ACTIONS

What is a burner phone?

Why do I need one?

Is this illegal?

Where do I get one?

How do I do it?

DO I NEED TO TURN OFF TRACKING OR LOCATION SERVICE ON MY BURNER?

NO. Remember, you are not a spy, a criminal, or someone plotting to overthrow the government. You are engaged in legal constitutionally protected activity and do not want to risk losing your real phone.

ON THE OTHER HAND. If you are a spy, a criminal, or otherwise involved in illegal activity, you probably already know to leave all your electronics at home or to disable all tracking and location services on your phone. You also would have used cash and a fake name to set up your phone.

But that's not why YOU have a burner phone.

Chill out, keep it simple, and protect your information.

HOW TO USE THE BURNER PHONE

Since this is a burner phone, which may end up in the government's possesion, you will want to keep this phone **CLEAN.**

DO NOT STORE ANY CONTACTS, PHOTOS, TEXT MESSAGES, SECRET PLANS, WISHFUL THINKING, EVIL THOUGHTS OR INTENTIONS, OR ANYTHING ELSE ON THIS PHONE THAT YOU DO NOT WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO SEE!

A minimal number of contacts (people who know what this phone is and why you have it) is okay. Remember, it's not a crime phone.

Take the burner phone with you to any protest or actions you are attending and **LEAVE YOUR REAL PHONE AT HOME OR LOCKED IN A SECURE LOCATION.**

Use the **TALK** feature of your phone for communication and not **TEXT** or **DATA.**

Image this worst case scenario:

You have decided to attend a protest near where you live, so you and your friends carpool to the protest location, gather your signs, sunglasses, and of course your smartphone.

The protest is well attended and seems peaceful and fun. The police are present in riot gear, which you can't understand why, and after a great rally the protest takes to the street for a march.

Suddenly you hear muffled loudspeaker announcments, people start to scatter, and you see riot police running towards you.

Then it happens. You get penned in with other protestors, zipped tied, searched, and all your possessions are seized.

OFFICER, OFFICER! I NEED MY PHONE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY PHONE!

YOUR PHONE IS EVIDENCE AND WE'RE SEIZING IT.

MY WHOLE LIFE IS ON THAT PHONE!

MY KIDS PHOTOS, MY CONTACTS, MESSAGES, APPOINTMENTS, BANKING INFORMATION, AND ALL MY SOCIAL MEDIA!

TOO BAD, NOW GIVE ME YOUR PASSWARD.

OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD! I NEED MY PHONE BACK! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU CAME TO PROTEST. IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

HOW TO DO THIS, CONT.

Follow the instructions in your box on how to charge your phone and how to activate it.

Typically you will create an online account with the provider and follow the online activation instructions.

It is a two step process where you activate the phone on the network, and then you add the plan.

Take your time and follow the instructions.

You can purchase additional minutes at Walmart, other retailers or directly with your provider as needed

There are a ton of plans, which can be confusing. Remember this is a burner phone so keep it simple.

HOW TO DO THIS

Go to the prepaid phone section at Walmart.

Pick a basic phone with minimal features such as a flip phone or basic screen phone.

Pick a phone that uses a cell network that has good coverage for your area. Different phone brands use different networks. For ex., Tracfone uses Verizon.

Now that you have the phone selected, you need to pick a plan which will be activated on your phone. Pick the plan with the minutes of talk, text, or data that you think you will need for how you intend to use the phone.

Pay for your phone and plan at the cashier in the prepaid phone section. Walmart sells a lot of pre paid phones and the cashiers know how to handle the transaction.

The cashier will scan the serial number of the phone at time of purchase. This is important because this enters the phone into the providers system.

This is why YOU need a BURNER PHONE!

A burner phone is a cheap phone with basic functions that you can afford to lose.

When you attend a protest, or other action, where there is any risk whatsoever that the phone may be lost, stolen, or seized by the police, you can afford to lose the burner phone while....

KEEPING YOUR REAL PHONE SAFE AND OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE POLICE!

LEAVE YOUR REAL PHONE AT HOME OR LOCKED AWAY IN A SAFE LOCATION!

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BURNER PHONES AND PREPAID PHONES
ARE THE SAME THING.

A BURNER PHONE IS NOT ILLEGAL.

HONEST, LAW ABIDING PEOPLE USE BURNER
PHONES FOR HONEST LAW ABIDING REASONS.

A BURNER PHONE IS JUST A DISPOSABLE PHONE
THAT PROTECTS AGAINST LOSING OR
COMPROMISING ALL THE VALUABLE
INFORMATION ON YOUR REAL PHONE.

NO ONE NEEDS TO KNOW IT'S A BURNER PHONE.

AS FAR AS ANYONE ELSE IS CONCERNED,
IT IS YOUR REAL PHONE AND YOU HAVE
NO OTHER PHONE.

WHERE TO BUY PREPAID PHONES

1. Convienence stores and quickie type marts.
2. Chain stores like Walmart and Target.
3. Online retailers like Amazon and QVC.
4. Ebay, Facebook, Craigslist.

LET'S MAKE THIS EASY:

BUY A PREPAID PHONE AT WALMART.

*** A SHORT NOTE ON REMAINING ANONYMOUS

If you want a burner phone for illegal activity then you want a burner phone that can not be traced back to you.

This guide is not for illegal activity. The process explained next involves providing your name, email, and credit card information. This will be a disposable or throw away phone, not a crime phone.